

## CLAIMS

What is claimed is:

1. A method of treating a fibrotic disease in an individual, the method comprising administering to an individual suffering from a fibrotic disease a synergistic combination of IFN- $\gamma$  and pirfenidone or a specific pirfenidone analog that is effective in the treatment or prophylaxis of the fibrotic disease in the individual.
2. A method of treating a fibrotic disease in an individual, the method comprising administering to an individual suffering from a fibrotic disease a combination of IFN- $\gamma$  and pirfenidone or a specific pirfenidone analog that is effective in the treatment or prophylaxis of the fibrotic disease in the individual and that reduces the incidence or severity of one or more side effects ordinarily associated with the administration of either drug alone in the treatment of the fibrotic disease.
3. A method of treating a fibrotic disease in an individual, the method comprising administering to an individual suffering from a fibrotic disease a combined dosage of about 50 mcg to about 200 mcg IFN- $\gamma$  three times weekly and about 400 mg to about 3600 mg pirfenidone or a specific pirfenidone analog daily.
4. The method of any of claims 1-3 wherein the fibrotic disease is pulmonary fibrosis.
5. The method of claim 4 wherein the pulmonary fibrosis is idiopathic pulmonary fibrosis.
6. The method of claim 4 wherein the pulmonary fibrosis is from a known etiology.
7. The method of any of claims 1-3 wherein the fibrotic disease is liver fibrosis.
8. The method of any of claims 1-3 wherein the fibrotic disease is renal fibrosis.

9. The method of any of claims 1-3 wherein the fibrotic disease is cardiac fibrosis.
10. The method of any of claims 1-3 wherein the fibrotic disease is scleroderma.
11. The method of any of claims 1-10 wherein the individual is a human.